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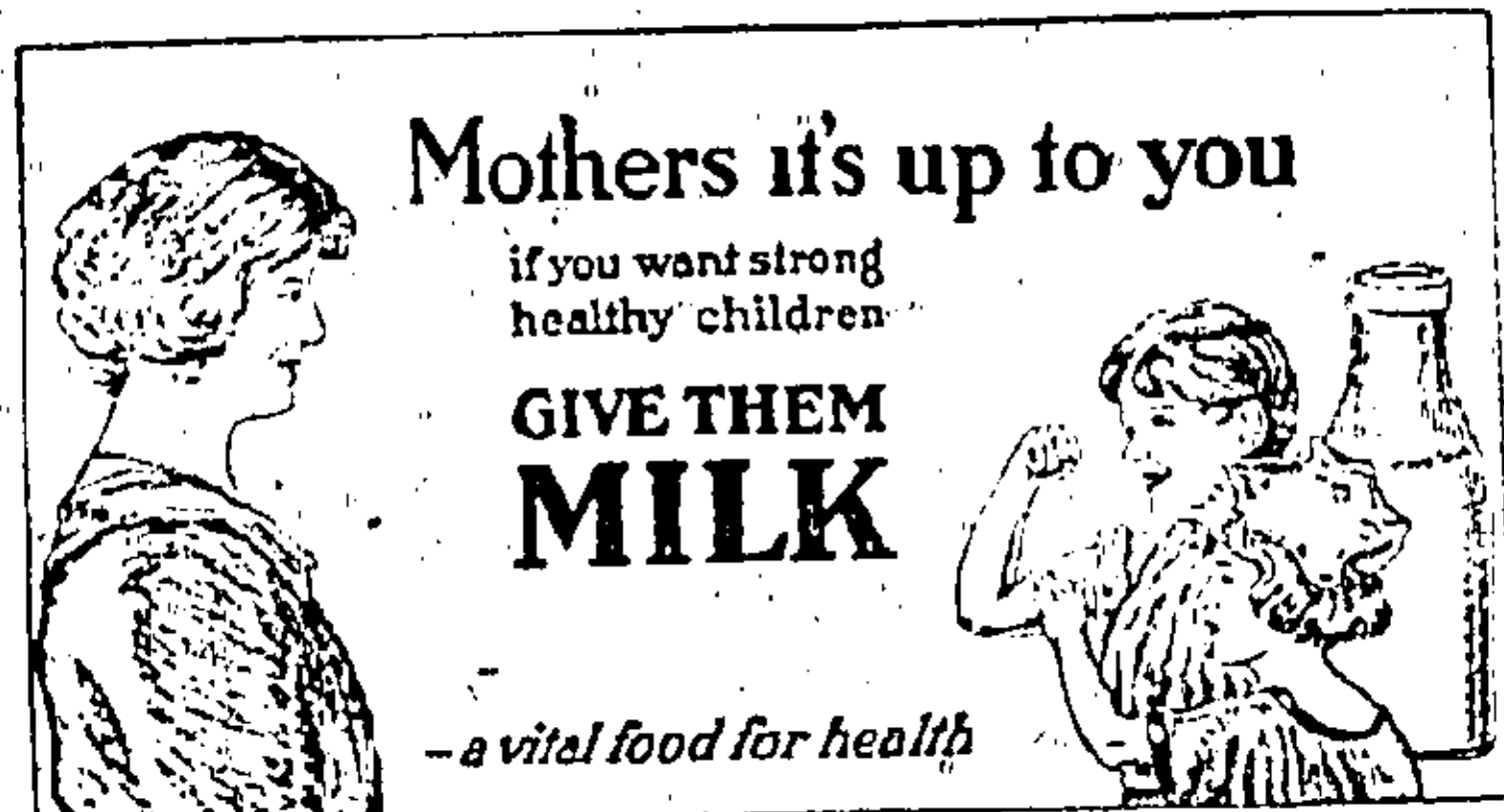
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THE ARMY BILL. LABOUR AMENDMENTS. ALL NIGHT SITTING OF THE COMMONS.

The House of Commons was in continuous session for twenty-one hours on April 12th-13th. The greater part of the night and the whole of the following morning were occupied with the Committee report and third-reading stages of the Army and Air Force Annual Bill.

Mr. J. H. Thomas led the Labour members, and he did it with uncommon skill.

DEATH PENALTY IN THE ARMY.

Mr. Lawson (Labour Socialist) moved the insertion in the bill of a clause to secure the total abolition of the death penalty for military offences. It was a shock, he said, to the people of Great Britain, when they learned that during the war their sons and brothers were being shot in cold blood for offences. No less than 251 men, some under 18 years of age, were shot for desertion. Members listened in silence as Mr. Lawson gave details of the infliction of the penalty.

Major Paget (C.) told of the horror that officers experienced when they had to sit on a court-martial and find a man guilty of an offence punishable by death. There was no man who did not know what France, he said, was there must be something to counteract panic, and when morale and vitality were low the knowledge that to run means disgrace and death did help. There was no alternative.

Mr. Gwynne, replying for the Government, said that it was not possible to do away with the death penalty.

He pointed out that a man tried by Court-martial had a greater chance of leniency than a man tried by the civil courts. Of the death sentences passed during the war 80 per cent. were not carried out.

Captain Berkeley (Ind. L.) made the suggestion that in the case of first offenders the death penalty should be suspended for six months for a further report to be made.

Captain Wedgwood Benn (Ind. L.) thought the death penalty was robbed of much of its terror by reason of the fact that it was rarely enforced. Better was it to have a more lenient penalty that was enforced than a drastic penalty that was not enforced. In every case of the death penalty the accused should have the right of having the penalty suspended for a definite period. For himself, he added, amid snarls from the Labour benches, he would rather be a man who went out voluntarily and was shot for cowardice than a man who did not go out at all.

Lieut. Colonel Guinness (Under-Secretary for War), while expressing sympathy with the arguments put forward, regretted he could not accept the suggestion. Penal servitude was not an effective alternative to the death penalty, for it would simply mean taking a man from the hell of the firing-line to the comparative comfort of a prison.

The member after member got up and related personal experiences of France, mostly admitting fear. Mr. R. C. Morrison, the Co-operative member for North Tottenham, told of the interested curiosity with which he first saw a shell burst, but closer acquaintance brought its terror. When the Germans broke through, his unit was driven back to Albert, where they were bombed from the air. A comrade who had always bravely lost his reason and was away shouting. Had that occurred in the front line the man would have been shot for cowardice.

Captain Bowyer (Cons.) told of the growing strain on a man of tour after tour of the trenches until at last the limit of human endurance seemed to have been reached, and rather than face another day of the misery the man would shoot himself in the foot. The example would be followed by another man, and another, and another. The Labour members would have such men taken to hospital, but what of the line? Who would be left to hold it? When the order was given that the death penalty would be inflicted upon the next man guilty of self-mutilation the crime ceased.

Other members spoke in the same strain. Everyone hated the death penalty, but no one could suggest an effective alternative. At a quarter past eight the closure was moved and carried, and the proposal to abolish the death penalty was negatived by 175 votes to 103.

SUGGESTED RIGHT OF APPEAL TO CIVIL COURT.
A new clause was moved by Mr. Lausbury (Lab.-Soc.) to secure that, notwithstanding any provision of the Army Act, any member of His Majesty's Forces sentenced to death by court-martial should have the right of appeal to the Court of Criminal Appeal, assisted by one or more military assessors as the Lord Chancellor might direct.

Sir S. Hoare declined to accept the new clause, which, he said, would leave officers and soldiers worse off than they were at present. On a division the cause was defeated by 201 to 127.

AUTOMATIC COLONELS.
Earlier in the sitting a proposal that Army officers who felt they had a grievance should be entitled to have their complaint delegated by the Army Council to an independent tribunal of three members, of whom at least one should have a legal training, had been advanced by Mr. Hurst (C.).

Colonel Sir C. Yates (C.), in support of the proposal, read two letters from generals, one of whom spoke of "autocratic and intransigent" colonels who dealt severely with young officers, rendering such an independent tribunal necessary.

Lieut.-Col. Guinness, Under-Secretary for War, declined to accept the suggestion. Most of the appeals to an independent tribunal of the kind would be against confidential reports regarding efficiency, and efficiency could only be a matter of opinion. At present there was appeal to the Army Council.

In remonstrant vein, Major Paget (C.) retorted the days when he was a very junior and rather undisciplined officer, and was put "on the carpet." But, like other officers and men, he had unshaken faith in the fairness of his superiors.

The proposal appealed to Mr. Lawson (Lab.-Soc.), because it was a page taken from the book of the Soviet army, and that was as it should be. He added with fine frankness that he did not think there were many men who had definite complaints to make against the officers, they served, though there were some who did not get satisfaction, and they should have had the right of appeal to an independent tribunal.

Lieut.-Colonel Watts-Morgan (Lab.-Soc.) spoke of young officers broken and cast on the scrap-heap through the whim and caprice of commanding officers. The right of appeal to an independent tribunal would have saved many a young officer.

Sir S. Hoare, Secretary for Air, pointed out that there was already the power of appeal to the Army Council or the Air Council.

Then how was it that did not apply to the case of Lieutenant Barratt and Mrs. Cornwallis West? asked Mr. J. H. Thomas, and he recalled that it was only after the late Sir Arthur Markham had forced an inquiry that the officer was vindicated. There was also the case of Miss Douglas Pennant. There again there should have been the right of appeal.

After further discussion the closure was moved and the proposed clause rejected by 188 votes to 124.

FIELD PUNISHMENT NO. 1.

Flogging has long since been abolished in the Army, and Mr. Lausbury desired to do away with all forms of punishment which involved "personal restraint" and the use of irons or other fetters. If it was field punishment involving "crucifixion" that kept the Army together, there could be very little respect on the part of the rank and file for the officers. Their object in moving this, he explained, was to give soldiers a chance of, for instance, they refused to bomb unarmed people.

Lieut.-Colonel Guinness had a very complete reply. There was not a single man at present in prison for a military offence which occurred during the war. "Crucifixion" had been abolished many years ago. They were abolishing field punishment No. 1, as it was no longer necessary, owing to the splendid discipline of the Army. Field punishment No. 2 was retained, because it was necessary on active service to have a form of punishment which would allow of a man's remaining with his unit. It would be disastrous to the discipline of the Army if men for an offence could get out of the firing-line into a prison in the back areas.

On a division, Mr. Lausbury's proposal was rejected by 182 votes to 115.

THE POSITION OF SOLDIERS IN TRADE DISPUTES.

An interesting point touching the position of soldiers in regard to trade disputes was raised in a new clause moved by Mr. Lausbury. It was in the following terms: "The general conditions of the contract to be entered into shall include an option as to whether the recruit is willing to take duty in aid of the civil power in connection with a trade dispute, and unless this has been signed in the affirmative by the recruit his refusal to undertake such duty during his period of service shall not constitute an offence under this Act or of any rules of the Army."

Lieut.-Col. Guinness explained that the clause would relieve troops of the duty for which all citizens were liable when called upon of assisting in maintaining peace.

The clause was rejected by 197 to 101.

The Committee stage was then completed, and the bill was ordered to be reported to the House. This point was reached at a quarter past eleven o'clock in the forenoon, when the ordinary time for meeting on Fridays had been overlapped.

ENLISTMENT AGE.
The House thereupon proceeded to the consideration of the bill on report, and Mr. Morgan Jones (Lab.-Soc.) promptly moved an amendment raising the age of enlistment to 21 years.

Lieut.-Col. Guinness (Under-Secretary, War Office) said that it was impossible for the Government to accept the amendment. If the age were raised to 21 recruiting would practically be at a standstill. At the present time more than half of the recruits were between the ages of 18 and 19 years.

Mr. Strydom (Ind.), in supporting the amendment, said that anyone who knew anything about the Army knew perfectly well that it was not in the interest of any young man to join it. (Mistaken cry of dissent.) For parents and true men, he proceeded, there was only one honourable stand—"Thou shalt not kill."

"I am not to be shut up by anybody," said Mr. Jack Jones (Lab.-Soc.), whose rising was greeted with cries of "Agreed!" and "Shut up!" Anybody who talked about universal peace was "talking through the back of his neck." Mr. Strydom objected to military service, but he believed in compulsion when individual habits were concerned. (Laughter.) He could not have his cake and eat it. What the Labour party asked for was that there should be some recognition of parental control up to a certain point. Meantime they knew how boys could be led away by the men who waved the Union Jack in front of Union jacksaws. (Laughter.)

On a division the amendment was rejected by 222 votes to 98.

"A UNIQUE DEBATE."

Colonel Leslie Wilson moved that the bill be read a third time.

Mr. J. H. Thomas said there were dozens of Labour members who felt it was an obligation to their constituents and a duty to themselves to express their true feelings on the third reading of the bill, but the Labour party had started early on with the idea of being conciliatory and helpful to the Government. (Laughter.) It had in many respects been a unique debate. The Opposition not only had no complaint, they had nothing but thanks and appreciation for the courtesy and good temper displayed all round. (Hear, hear.)

The bill was read a third time.

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The following article, surveying the situation at the tomb of Tutankhamen at the end of the season and outlining the work yet in prospect, was written for the Times by Lord Carnarvon on the eve of his departure from Luxor for Cairo. His intention was that it should have been published on the day of his departure from Egypt to London. The article was sent by mail, and almost at the moment of its arrival came the first news of the illness which has had so tragic an issue. It is subject of the marvelous discoveries with which his name will always be associated, and we publish it today as a memorial to his work, says the Daily Telegraph of April 7th.

"We have come to the end of what I may call the first part of the tomb. As far as I can see we may divide the work into three stages. The first stage consisted of the clearing of the outer chamber and of cursory inspection of the burial hall. The second stage will entail the moving of the canopies or tabernacles. This in itself is bound to take a long time. Besides this, there will be the examination of the sarcophagus and the clearance of the further store chamber. Thirdly will come the clearance of what we call the annex to the first chamber. It will thus be seen that the work before us is very, very heavy."

As regards the first chamber, every thing except the two life-size statues of the King is now in the workshop in the tomb of Seti II, which we know as "Tomb No. 15."

The vast majority of the things from the first chamber are, I think, in a condition somewhat inferior to the objects in the other chambers. About the annex it is difficult to express opinion, as not one of our party has ever set foot inside.

It is the textiles from the boxes that cause the greatest delay. Strenuous efforts are being made to save them. It may be remembered that, prior to this find, only small fragments of what may be called "tapestry" had been found in the tomb of Thutmose IV. Here we have a complete set of garments of this kind of fabric, but all are in a shocking condition owing to the damp, and the situation is further complicated by the fact that upon some of these garments thousands of beads and gold rosettes have been sewn. Mr. Mace, with infinite patience, has, however, reconstructed the order in which these beads and rosettes are placed. Many of these linen garments are absolutely impossible to save; they have crumbled to a sooty-looking mass. With the help, however, of Mr. Mace's plans no doubt it will be found possible to reconstruct the patterns of beads and other ornaments on a more solid, if unfortunately modern, material.

Nearly everything out of this chamber wants treatment of some sort or other. The gilding has to be secured; inlay work has to be made safe; and even the stone objects have to be mended. And most of this work will only suffice to enable the things to reach Cairo in comparative safety.

On arrival in Cairo most of the delicate articles will have to undergo a further course of treatment. Every box that is opened has to be photographed, and as layer after layer of decaying linen and sometimes animal skin is taken away, Mr. Barton has again to operate with his camera.

INTERFERED WORKERS.

Nearly every box so far opened has contained a variety of articles all mixed together and having seemingly been thrown in anyhow. The work has been terribly impeded this season by the perpetual stream of visitors. Never in the history of excavation has there been such a thing as a weekly "Press day," nor, as far as that goes, has the Press ever before been admitted to the work of an archaeologist. It is to be devoutly hoped that this will not become a precedent for other poor excavators, as work under these conditions becomes almost impossible. There is continual interruption, and the fatigue of the workers is increased many times by the perpetual stream of sightseers. In these circumstances it is very remarkable that we have been able to do even as much as has been done, and that the staff team left in peace and quiet we would be in a far more advanced and satisfactory state.

The opening of the tomb was a sight never to be forgotten, although one elderly Egyptian Pasha who was present was heard to murmur that "it was very hot, and he did not know why he had come; he would far rather be in his club at Cairo." Most of the other visitors, however, seemed to be extremely interested and excited; but it is true that the majority consisted of archaeologists. That was the first day. On the day of the official opening most of Egypt, and a fair sprinkling of London and New York, seemed to be present. On that day the guests visited the tomb in pairs, and did not all sit on chairs, in the outer chamber watching the sealed wall gradually disappear and the wondrous blue and gold canopy gradually show itself.

COMING DIFFICULTIES.

The second part promises to be quite as interesting as anything that has so far taken place. But there will be tremendous difficulties in removing the first tabernacle. It almost completely fills the chamber, and of course, after over 3,000 years, the greatest care will have to be exercised, for the inlays of faience and gold after all these years are very liable to come out. In fact, what with the brushing and squeezing on the day of the official opening, had not the first corner and part of one side been protected with boards and cottonwool, few of the inlays of that section would have been left. It appears certain that the whole canopy will have to be treated inside the tomb to a certain extent before any steps can be taken to remove it. It has been built up inside the chamber, and each part will have to be taken away separately. At a rough estimate, the exterior surface of the shrine must be some seventy square metres in extent, most of which may require treatment. The difficulty in coping with this large surface lies in the very narrow space there is between the canopy and the wall. Probably as long as we can get the inlays to stay fixed in the wood we shall be safe, for immediately we can get to less cramped quarters work will become comparatively easy. As to what chemical treatment will be used, nothing is yet definitely fixed; but Mr. Carter, with the aid of Mr. Lucas, is constantly thinking of the matter, trying to decide what will be the best means of solving this perplexing problem.

Of course, it is absolutely necessary to remove the outer canopy, for nothing could be taken out of the inner chamber until this has been effected. No doubt, however, we shall board up the entrance to the inner store chamber to prevent dust getting there, and gradually remove all the canopies. The small one (or ones) will, because of its (or their) lesser size, be probably easier to handle; but in a case of this sort it is generally the unexpected that happens, and it is quite possible that some unforeseen difficulty may arise to retard the work. The inner store chamber will be easier to tackle, for I think that the objects are in better condition. The sails and rigging of the boats, although without doubt exceedingly fragile, are still where they ought to be, and appear as if they could be preserved. I rather doubt if this would have been the case had they been in the outer chamber. Although some of the ivory inlays seem to have sprung out of the boxes, generally to be in a far more solid condition than those found elsewhere.

THE SARCOPHAGUS.

Thus it will be seen that I anticipate less trouble in this chamber than with the objects we have handled so far. As regards the sarcophagus, which one hopes to find intact together with the body of the King, that I very much hope, and I can say I almost feel sure—will be allowed to remain where it was placed so many, many centuries ago. There are quantities of sarcophagi and boxes of Kings' mummies in the Cairo Museum, and I cannot really believe that any Government would wish to add to their number.

When Napoleon's coffin was opened at St. Helena, prior to his being carried to the Invalides drawings were made of his face, which was in a perfect state of preservation. Unfortunately, I do not think that any great artist was present at the ceremony of the exhumation at St. Helena, for there is nothing so far as I know, in the shape of a drawing or picture by any famous artist. At the present moment we, at all events, possess photography; and the lens, properly worked, as a rule faithfully reproduces what it is asked to accomplish. Thus, when we open the sarcophagus we may be able to give to the world the true portrait of the King. This will surely be better than placing him in a glass case in a museum. It may also be possible to make a wax copy of his features. To my mind mummies, at the best, are unpleasant objects to look upon. As long as science is satisfied with regard to the King's age and one or two other details I think we should be content to let King Tutankhamen remain in his sarcophagus in the place he has occupied for the last 3,250 years.

A YET UNDOING WORK.

With regard to the third stage, here we have indeed a difficult question to solve. The room or annex is so packed with objects that it is hard to say what there is or what there is not. There are some dozens of boxes and baskets, all of which will have to be opened; and if the contents of all come up to what has been found in those from the first chamber, the work will be stupendous. I rather doubt if the preservation in this portion of the tomb is as good as in the store chamber. The store chamber is deeper and farther in; and the way leading to the mortuary chamber having been sealed it would seem quite likely that things in it will have felt the ravages of time less than objects in the annex where a hole had been made in the sealings, and the damp air that penetrated to the outer chamber must have been able to flow into the annex with the greatest ease. This chamber appears to be, and is, smaller than the first or outer chamber, but I should not be surprised to see more objects come out of it than out of the first. It is so crowded with things that it would be quite impossible to move at all in the room, and some sort of arrangement will have to be made to lift the first objects out without setting foot within.

I have, I hope, made it clear what a task lies before us, and how very important it is not to be unduly disturbed. Should the experiences of the present season be repeated, it is impossible to say when the work can be completed. It should also be remembered that, even with the absolute and final clearing of the tomb, the work will be by no means finished. Endless study and research will still be required worthily to present the artistic and historical facts that have been obtained by so much hard work—work willingly given it is true, but which will come to naught unless the operators are allowed to work in peace and without interference.

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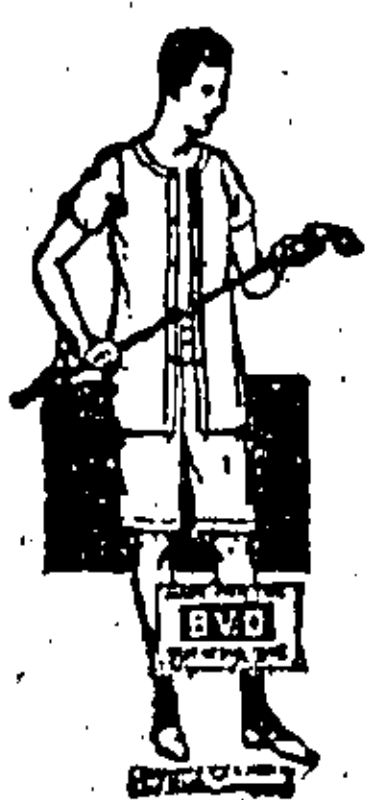
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HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB VISIT TO SWATOW.

WHAT HAPPENED.

The Hongkong all-rounders returned yesterday morning from the visit to Swatow, having enjoyed a very pleasant weekend during which they played Football, Billiards, Tennis, "Baseball" and cricket.

The team arrived well and hearty at 8.30 on Saturday and immediately went into full training under the capable supervision of Dr. McGowan. The soccer team lined up as follows:—Webster, Raworth, Spicer, Mitchell, Paffard, Mackenzie, McGowan, Watson, Valentine. Hour and England (Captain). The game was very fast throughout. Shortly before the interval Vallack opened the scoring with a magnificent shot from the left touchline which completely "had" our experienced custodian. As the interval England charged places with Hour, away from them onwards Hongkong pressed continually but no score was registered until well towards the end of the game when Valentine equalised with a good shot which left the opposing goalkeeper gaping, despite the fact that he had shortly before brought off two very fine saves. Just about this time, unfortunately, the gallant Swatow Captain, in a praiseworthy attempt to lay out our centre forward, (Valentine), came off second best, and much to everyone's regret sprained his ankle and was unable to take part in any of the other events in which he had been the leading spirit. As the end of the game drew near both sides made tremendous efforts to secure the lead, and just before time England ran through and scored for Hongkong with a very pretty shot—a piece of real football.

It was a most enjoyable game and, despite the heat and sun, everybody worked hard, doubtless cheered by the sight of a little table and glasses at a convenient distance from the touch line. My word it was wanted too!

BILLIARDS.
The first match was Paffard against Dickinson, both of whom had already won undying fame on the Football field. Both players were cautious at the beginning, mainly trying to put the white and leave a double ball. This sort of thing continued for some time and eventually the score became 19-11. At this point the Swatow representative, after giving "one" went out with a beautiful break of 8-50 winning the match.

Hour and Robinson:—This match was a well contested effort, but the players, both being keen dancers, were much troubled by the gramophone-dance going on in the next room, and the scoring was chiefly done when one opponent went off to dance. The game took up most of the evening and it was not until 1 a.m. that the match ended in a win for Robinson. Eventually the scores were 29 games all. With Mitchell and McGowan facing Dickinson and Howard with 2 games to play. These experienced players were equal to the occasion and took the last 2 games and the match. Nuff sed.

BASEBALL.
After Tiffin the Hongkong Visitors batted with the whole foreign settlement at Maau. After a good wash they were instructed by the American Fleet in Swatow in the rudiments of Baseball. An exhibition interpart match was forthwith played, which resulted in a glorious victory for Hongkong by an innings and 15 runs, including a home run by Raworth who nearly hit the ball to Naman. Mackenzie, who we believe is a Scottish International at the game, pitched in great form and was ably backed by Watson as a catcher. The Hongkong Team lined up as follows:—

Pitcher Mackenzie
1st Base Paffard
2nd Base (in the sea) Mitchell
3rd Base Spicer
Short Stop Hour
Right Field Raworth
Left Field McGowan
3rd Base extension England

CRICKET.
Mitchell won the toss and elected to put in the Swatow Team. The game started at 11.30 a.m. with an interval of an hour and a half for lunch. Unfortunately the Hongkong wicket-keeper, Wall, was indisposed, and his place was ably filled by Mackenzie. Paffard and Webster opened the bowling, the former being almost unplayable from the start. Mitchell relieved Webster and obtained 2 wickets, in his first over, narrowly missing the hat-trick. His third ball had the misfortune to hit the side of the matting and glanced into third man's hands without being touched by the batsman. Lunch was taken with the score at 44 for 9 wickets, of which Dickinson had compiled a magnificent 19, before being bowled by an unplayable full pitcher from Mitchell. Hongkong were most fortunate in being able to dispose of Swatow's last man in the first over after lunch for the addition of 4 runs only. Paffard and Webster opened the visitors' innings and made 79 before Paffard was nobly taken at fine leg. Raworth then gave the spectators a glorious exhibition of hitting, while Webster, continuing to bat nicely, compiled 60 before being run out by a smart piece of fielding. The Swatow fielding was excellent throughout the match. Mitchell, Mackenzie and England made useful contributions and Hongkong eventually declared at 210 for 4 wickets, a record for the ground, we believe. After the tea interval Swatow again went in to bat, facing England and McGowan. The former, with his slow left hand deliveries, completely baffled the batsman and eventually came out with the splendid analysis of 9 wickets for 48 runs out of Swatow's second innings total of 69, leaving Hongkong the victors by

the narrow margin of an innings and 93 runs. The thanks of both Teams are due to Mr. King for his untiring energy in supervising throughout the Match, also to the aged "Toot-and-come-in" who preserved the records of this match intact and got the bowling analysis right first time. Below we append the full scores:—

Swatow.				
1st Innings.				
J. B. Harrison, b Paffard	8			
T. C. Gibson, b Paffard	0			
J. Robinson, b Paffard	1			
G. R. Vallack, b Paffard	1			
A. M. Dickinson, b Mitchell	19			
F. C. Hale, c Spicer, b Mitchell	0			
A. E. B. Lambie, c Raworth, b Paffard	0			
J. A. Edmunds, b Mitchell	0			
J. P. W. Eastwood, b Mitchell	4			
P. D. Kincaid, not out	2			
W. C. G. Howard, b Paffard	4			
Extras	9			
Total	48			

Fall of wickets:—1-1, 2-7, 3-9, 4-30, 5-20, 6-31, 7-33, 8-40, 9-44, 10-48.

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. D. Paffard	9.5	3	15	7
R. E. A. Webster	5	2	10	0
E. J. R. Mitchell	4	4	8	3

Hongkong.				
1st Innings.				
R. D. Paffard, c Howard, b Robinson	31			
R. E. A. Webster, run out	60			
A. B. Raworth, c and b Robinson	31			
E. J. R. Mitchell, not out	31			
W. W. Mackenzie, c and b Harrison	12			
E. G. England, not out	13			
Extras	27			
Total (for 3 wks., dec.)	210			

Fall of wickets:—1-72, 2-127, 3-131.
S. Spicer, M. M. Watson, E. G. Hour, J. C. MacGowan and D. R. Wahl did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
G. R. Vallack	13	1	26	0
J. R. Robinson	8	0	51	2
F. C. Hale	4	1	27	0
J. P. B. Eastwood	2	0	27	0
J. B. Harrison	5	1	22	1

Swatow.				
2nd Innings.				
J. B. Harrison, c Webster, b MacGowan	7			
T. C. Gibson, b England	0			
J. Robinson, c Webster, b England	1			
J. R. Vallack, c Webster, b England	2			
W. C. G. Howard, b England	4			
A. M. Dickinson, b England	24			
F. C. Hale, c Paffard, b England	13			
A. E. B. Lambie, b England	0			
J. A. Edmunds, b England	14			
J. P. B. Eastwood, not out	3			
P. D. Kincaid, c Paffard, b England	0			
Extras	1			
Total	69			

Fall of wickets:—1-7, 2-9, 3-11, 4-11, 5-21, 6-43, 7-43, 8-59, 9-60, 10-69.

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
E. J. England	8	0	46	9
J. C. MacGowan	3	1	6	1
E. J. R. Mitchell	1	1	16	0

A DINNER.
On Monday evening the Hongkong Team were the guests of the Swatow Recreation Club at a dinner at Mr. Eastwood's House (J.M. & Co.'s No. 1) Mr. King (H.B.M.'s Consul) was in the chair and made a very excellent and witty speech. Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell responded suitably on behalf of the Visitors, and later music and carols were indulged in. The Swatow flag was handed to the Hongkong Captain after dinner, and he had much difficulty in retaining possession of it.

On Tuesday the Hongkong Visitors had a great send off and the *Hatching* sailed out with the flag of both teams flying. The Swatow Team boarded the *Tsingling* and signalled "Congratulations" to which the *Hatching* replied on behalf of the H.K.C.C. "Thank you."

The whole weekend was a complete success, thanks mainly to the untiring energy of Mr. Maas and his fellow workers. Everywhere the visitors met with the most wonderful hospitality and marked cordiality.

POLO.

DEPARTURE OF TEAM FOR MANILA.

The interpart polo team left the Colony for Manila by the *a. Tenjo Maria* yesterday afternoon. The team consists of Mr. Davis (No. 1), Mr. Dent (No. 2), Mr. Boyd (No. 3), and Mr. Fisher (No. 4). They are not taking any ponies up with them, owing to the fact that Manila ponies are a foot higher than local ponies. Mrs. Boyd, herself an expert polo player, is accompanying the team. Its fortunes will be watched with great interest, even by those in the Colony who take little interest in the game in normal times, owing to the international atmosphere—a factor which always adds piquancy to matches of this sort.

ANOTHER HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Y.M.C.A. SECRETARY AND UNIVERSITY STUDENT HELD UP.

Mr. Liu Yookin, secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., and a Hongkong University student, named Liu Man-kui, were held up and robbed by footpads in Kennedy Road on Tuesday morning. The two victims had just reached the Magazine, when they were overtaken by six Chinese, all dressed in European style. The robbers walked ahead for a short distance and then turned back and attacked the two men. Each victim was held up by two men whilst the other two robbers went through their pockets. They stole from the secretary a wrist watch, valued at \$5, and \$2.30 in money, and from the student they took a \$5 bank bill.

COMPANY MEETING.

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The chair was taken by Mr. Henry Humphreys, those present being Messrs. A. O. Lang, J. Scott Harston, C. C. Boyd, and A. S. Gubbay (Directors), and Messrs. W. Morley, J. D. Humphreys, and J. M. Wong (shareholders), and the Secretary (Mr. G. Rapp).

The CHAIRMAN, proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said:

"I propose with your permission to take the Report and Statement of Accounts and Auditors' Report as read. The profits for the year are \$17,010.73 less than the preceding year notwithstanding an increase in traffic receipts of \$12,000. Wages account shows a large increase, wages of staff having been put up generally to meet the increased cost of living. In addition Mr. Buyers' passage to England has been charged to this account which for a period of two months had to bear the salaries of both Mr. Buyers and the new Superintendent, Mr. Scott. Maintenance and repairs account is heavier than last year due principally to repairs to boilers and the upper terminus building. In addition to the foregoing there are two non-recurring charges in the profits, viz., bonus to superintendent on retirement and donation to War Memorial, as shown in the accounts.

The work of relaying the line with heavier rails has been stopped for the time being as there does not appear to be any likelihood of our being allowed to run larger cars containing more passengers. We have, however, recently submitted a scheme to the Government which, by a rearrangement of gents, would enable us to carry in the existing cars seven more passengers on each trip and this without any extra strain on the engine or rope. The seemingly impossible can apparently be rendered possible by the use of ball bearing pulleys which effect a saving of 90 per cent. of friction losses and a lubrication saving of 75 per cent. If our pulleys are converted to ball bearing it will be possible, so we are informed, to greatly increase the carrying capacity of the cars without in any way putting additional load on the engine or rope. I trust you will approve of the proposed allocation of the profits. Expenditure on special repairs during the year under review has been heavy and still more work remains to be done. Accordingly, we are asking for your sanction to transfer a further \$10,000 to this account; we also propose to transfer a further \$10,000 to Reserve Fund which would then stand at \$100,000. I now propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted and passed.

Mr. J. M. Wong seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The resolution of Sir Paul Chater and Messrs. A. O. Lang, J. Scott Harston, C. C. Boyd, and A. S. Gubbay as Directors was proposed by the CHAIRMAN and seconded by Mr. J. D. Humphreys. The motion was carried unanimously.

On the proposition of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. W. Morley, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Mr. C. Bernard Brown were re-elected auditors for the coming year at a remuneration of \$150 each. This concluded the business of the meeting.

OPIUM SMUGGLING.

IMPORTANT CASE AGAIN ADJOURNED.

The case, in which Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., are prosecuted for allowing their steamer the *Loong Sang* to be used for the conveyance or exportation of opium, was continued at the Magistracy, yesterday morning, before Mr. J. H. Wood.

Mr. Davidson recalled the second engineer, Mr. J. V. Barron, and asked him if anybody could get into the crank shaft pit without passing through the engine-room. Witness replied that it was quite possible to approach this place from the stokehold. One could get to the crank shaft pit by a sort of underground route. Cross-examining, Mr. Lloyd asked if it would be possible to use this passage if the fires were lit. Witness replied that it was quite possible.

By Mr. Lloyd: Without any danger? Yes. The fires were lit when the opium was found.

Yung Cheong, No. 1 fireman of the *Loong Sang*, was the first of sixteen firemen called as witnesses for the defence. He stated that he was not present when the opium was found. He had not returned to the ship then, as his time was not up. He left the ship at midnight on the night prior to the seizure. During the time that he was on watch that night he was on deck occasionally. Asked by the Magistrate if he knew anything about the opium, witness said he first heard of it after the seizure.

After further evidence had been given by other Chinese members of the engine-room staff, the case was adjourned to Tuesday afternoon next.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 25th MAY, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1922, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 11th May to 25th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, Acting General Manager.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1923. [738]

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 25th MAY, 1923, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1922, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 11th May to 25th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, Acting General Manager.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1923. [739]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, UNION BUILDING, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 25th MAY, 1923, at 12.20 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1922, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 11th May to 25th May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, PAUL LAUDER, Acting General Manager.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1923. [800]

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 31st MAY, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to April 30th, 1923.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 25th May, 1923, to Thursday, the 31st May, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. S. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, May 18th, 1923. [852]

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THE THIRD GYMKHANA MEETING.

will be held (Weather Permitting) at HARRY VALLEY on SATURDAY, JUNE 2nd, commencing 8.30 p.m. The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform, Half Price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LISTER & DAVIS at \$5.00 each up to Friday, June 1st.

The Stewards invite the ladies of Hongkong, to be present. [858]

HONGKONG WAR MEMORIAL.

UNVEILING THE CENOTAPH.

5.30 P.M., 24th MAY, 1923.

SUBSCRIBERS should apply for Tickets as soon as possible to Mr. J. THAYER, c/o Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, or to Mr. W. GALLOWAY, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Tickets will be distributed through Naval and Military Authorities, British Legion, Eastern Club, Harbour Office (for Mercantile Marine Officers & Engineers) and Central Police Station.

Other Sections of the Community may obtain Tickets in the Entrance to the City Hall on Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 19th, 22nd and 23rd May, between the Hours of 10 A.M. and Noon.

Each Ticket admits One Person.

There will be no charge for admission to the Stands. [852]

"GLEN" LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

From UNITED KINGDOM, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

THE M.V. "GLENGARRY"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 25th May, 1923, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas on 24th May, 1923, at 10 A.M. Claims against the steamer including those for cargo short delivered must be presented on the spot (form provided), and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1923. [854]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From PHILADELPHIA, NORFOLK AND NEW YORK.

THE S.S. "EASTERN PRINCE"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 25th May, 1923, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on 26th May, at 10 A.M.

All claims must be presented within 15 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th May, will be subject to rent.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by FURNESS (FAR EAST), LTD., 21, George Street, Building.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1923. [864]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "SOUDAN."

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 22ND APRIL, 1923.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO, STRAITS, AND RAIPHONG.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo from Persian Gulf or B.I.S.N. and B. & P.N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary 6 hours before arrival of the steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 A.M., on Mondays and Thursdays.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd May, 1923. [865]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 24TH, 1923.

BRITAIN'S NEW PRIME MINISTER.

The selection of the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, P.C. (Member for the Bewdley Division of Worcestershire since 1906) to succeed Mr. BONAR LAW as Prime Minister, remarkable as it is in some respects, is not altogether a surprise. Before it was announced that Mr. LLOYD GEORGE had released the members of the Coalition Wing of the Conservative party from their pledges to himself, it appeared certain that His Majesty would summon either Lord CRUXOR or Mr. BALDWIN to take the office—Lord CRUXOR because, as Foreign Minister under both Mr. BONAR LAW and Mr. LLOYD GEORGE, he had been a tower of strength to the Government; while if it were insisted that the Prime Minister should be a member of the House of Commons, the high opinion which Mr. BALDWIN has won as Chancellor of the Exchequer and temporary Leader of the House of Commons in Mr. BONAR LAW's short period of absence clearly pointed to his selection. But when it was announced that the way had been cleared for the claims of the Unionist ex-Ministers to be considered in this connection, wider scope was obviously given for speculation. Already, however, when rumours were published some six weeks ago that the immediate resignation of Mr. BONAR LAW was probable, the *Morning Post*, the representative of ultra-Conservatism in the London Press, accorded publicity to an article by a Conservative M.P., who declared that there was good ground for tracing "this discreditable piece of journalistic sharp practice" (i.e., the rumour of Mr. BONAR LAW's impending resignation) to a definite intrigue "in which certain ex-Ministers of the Crown are engaged." The "first-class brains," the writer said, had been driven to fury by the discovery that they were not indispensable, and, therefore, with the help of their accomplices in the Press, they had started Mr. LLOYD GEORGE's

favourite process of "creating an atmosphere." And the *Morning Post* itself, in a leading article, agreed with its contributor that there is no evidence at all that a Conservative Government would be strengthened by the inclusion of these ex-Ministers. "While they were still in office under the Coalition Government, did they seem supermen?" asked the journal. "Was there any single problem of statesmanship to which they, severally or collectively, made any notable contribution? We know their blunders, their vacillations, their obstinate perversities, and their sacrifices of principle. But what did they say or do in any department of affairs to make the task of their successors easier and not more difficult?"

The idea that Mr. AUGUST CHAMBERLAIN, Sir ROBERT HORSE, Sir LAMING WORTINGTON-EVANS, or Lord BURKENHEAD are "supermen" was described by the *Morning Post* as "a great illusion," and it said of the members of Mr. BONAR LAW's Cabinet that they were not inferior to their predecessors either in character or achievement. The consideration that it is desirable that the Prime Minister should be a member of the House of Commons, and the definite objection on the part of many Conservative members of the House of Commons, as well as on the part of the Liberal and Labour Opposition to the appointment of a Peer evidently weighed against Lord CRUXOR's selection, while the hostility prevailing in the ranks of the Conservative Party in the House to the possibility of inviting the ex-Unionist Ministers back to office made Mr. BALDWIN's selection certain.

Mr. BALDWIN's meteoric flight to the position of Prime Minister is, we believe, without precedent in the annals of the House of Commons. Though he has been a member of the House since 1908, the only office he held till Mr. BONAR LAW came into power six months ago was that of Financial Secretary to the Treasury. He was appointed to that post, and in 1917 his only other office has been that of Chancellor of the Exchequer which he has held for the past six months. The only comparable "surprises" in connection with appointments to the office of Prime Minister that we are able to recall are the appointment of Mr. BONAR LAW and the earlier appointment of Sir HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN, but both had Parliamentary experience in important offices of State far exceeding that of Mr. BALDWIN. Yet small as his experience in high office has been, Mr. BALDWIN has given proofs of the essential qualities of leadership that have evidently made a great impression. Mr. BALDWIN, who is 56 years of age, has been described as the possessor of a strong mind and "the temperament, and something of the manner, of a bull-terrier." His chief quality is his "uncompromising Englishness." He estimates things primarily and almost wholly from an English standpoint. An admirer wrote of him recently that "he has little patience with internationalism in the sense of wider world citizenship; if you were to ask his secret thoughts as to the development of the League of Nations you would probably learn that he was all for a League in which the whole world came into the British Empire; but that he was inclined to look down upon States that the Almighty had neglected to bless with the benefits of British rule and therefore a little sceptical of the good to be achieved by consulting with other Powers (except America) for the purpose of solving world problems. On the other hand, it would be quite false to suppose that he has any Imperialist ambitions or even the desire unduly to press the British point of view on other States. His aim in foreign policy would probably be good natured tolerance of other peoples, and as few dealings with them as possible."

He may thus be described as a typical "JOHN BULL," and we have very little doubt that the appointment of a man of Mr. BALDWIN's calibre to the office of Prime Minister at the present time will inspire, particularly in the ranks of his own party, a general feeling of satisfaction and confidence.

The Victorious Hongkong Interport Cricketers team returned from Shanghai yesterday by the *President McKinnay*.

The Memorial in honour of the men of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War is to be unveiled ten minutes after the unveiling of the Cenotaph this evening.

It is announced in to-day's advertisements that on Jutland Day (May 31st), a Calico Ball will be held under the patronage of Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson, K.C.B., at the City Hall at 9.15 p.m. in aid of the Navy League Endowment Fund, for the benefit of children whose fathers lost their lives at sea in defence of the Empire.

UNVEILING THE CENOTAPH.

The demand for accommodation in the stands has exceeded the space available, and many people applying for tickets yesterday morning were disappointed at not being able to secure them. The Committee has since been able to enlarge two of the stands, and will thus be able to accommodate more people.

Those who wish to attend and have not yet been able to get tickets, should apply before noon to-day to—Mr. J. Thayer, c/o Messrs. Butterfield & Swire; or Mr. W. Galloway, c/o Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tickets will be handed out in strict rotation, so it is important to ask for them as early as possible.

The public are again reminded that the entrance to Stands 3 and 4 (opposite the Supreme Court) and to Nos. 1 and 2 (opposite the Hongkong Club) will be closed to the public during the movement of troops. It is essential, therefore, that people intending to use those entrances should do so before 5.10 p.m.; in fact, when the Guard of Honour is in position, the entrance from the Supreme Court will be closed. There is an entrance to Stand No. 1 from the Praya. This entrance also serves Stands 4, 5 and 6.

In order to avoid congestion at the entrances, people should go to their stands as early as possible, say from 4.45 onwards.

As notified yesterday, wreaths should be placed at the foot of the Cenotaph after H.E. The Governor has departed, and the Guard of Honour has marched off the ground. During the ceremony they can be conveniently deposited at the front of the stands.

DISEASE IN HONGKONG.

DEATHS FROM SMALL-POX AND PLAGUE.

There were six cases of plague in the Kowloon district during the week ended on Saturday, and two deaths from the disease. There were fourteen fresh cases of small-pox in Victoria during the week, and nine on the Peninsula. Twenty of these cases, all Chinese, were fatal. There was one British and a Chinese case of diphtheria. Cases of enteric fever numbered thirteen, two being Japanese, and the rest Chinese. There were six deaths from this disease. There was also a British death from paratyphoid fever. Two Chinese cases of cerebro spinal fever were reported, and one of purpura fever. There were two deaths from influenza.

On Tuesday there were six more cases of small-pox, five in Victoria and one in Kowloon. There was also a French case of diphtheria, four Chinese cases of enteric fever, and one Chinese case of relapsing fever.

THE STRANDED "YEI MARU NO. 2."

BADLY HOLED, BUT GOOD PROSPECTS OF SALVAGE.

The salvage tug *Taiho*, manned by Europeans, left Taiho yesterday morning at 3 a.m. to go to the scene of the stranded Japanese steamer, *Yei Maru No. 2*, which as reported in yesterday's *Daily Press* went ashore the same day at 1 a.m. on the Nine Pins, about 8 or 9 miles from Waglan Light. The tug reached the stranded steamer at 5 a.m., and salvage operations were commenced with the break of day.

During the day several reports as to progress were received at the office of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, and from these it is gathered that the steamer is badly holed in the No. 1 hold. Her forepart rests on a large jagged rock, which has torn a hole six feet in measurement in her bottom. The No. 1 hold is full of water but the rest of the steamer is protected from an encroachment of the water by bulk heads. The work of jettisoning the cargo continues and it is feared that very little of her 3,500 tons of coal will be saved. Given fair weather the salvage workers hope to get the vessel off the rocks some time to-day. But the success of the operation depends entirely on the weather. With stormy weather the vessel would be battered about and the gaping hole enlarged.

The crew of the vessel, numbering 23, are quite safe.

WORLD THEATRE.

A STRONG DRAMA WITH WONDERFUL SETTINGS.

There is hardly a city in England which does not harbour within its environs a stately mansion, centuries old, rich in high-ceilinged rooms, massive fire places and soft coloured woodwork. An estate such as this described by Florence Barclay in her novel, "The Mistress of Shenstone," was adapted for screen purposes by Robertson Cole with Pauline Frederick, famous emotional actress, in the leading role. In an effort to coincide as nearly as possible with the description in the book, the Robertson-Cole Company, at an enormous outlay, reproduced in detail an old English mansion. Furniture of the strong sturdy type usually found in such residences was specially constructed for this production, and scores of art and technical advisers were engaged in the task of designing and creating the settings. "The Mistress of Shenstone," which opens at the World Theatre to-day, well proves of unusual interest to the student of art or history, for they are absolutely perfect reproductions.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]BRITISH PREMIERSHIP.
BRITISH PRESS DIVIDED INTO
TWO CAMPS.

LONDON, May 22nd.

The newspapers are more greatly concerned with the future of party orientation than the actual personality of the Premier.

The Press is divided into two camps, the first advocating reconciliation with the Conservative Party, which would involve extensive ministerial changes in order to admit ex-Consolidationists, and the second recommends the least change and thus avoid upsetting the continuity of important work to which the various ministries are beginning to settle down. The extent of the changes largely depends on Lord Curzon, whose retention of the Foreign Ministry is up to the present unconfirmed.

Much sympathy is extended on all sides to Lord Curzon, who would be the natural successor to Mr. Bonar Law except for the popular preference for a Commoner Premier. Therefore, Mr. Baldwin's appointment is greeted by the Liberals as the definite end to Peer Premiers.

The Daily Telegraph and The Times urge the inclusion of Consolidationists.

The Daily Express says no better choice could be made.

The Daily Mail says Mr. Baldwin has won golden opinions and proved his strength.

The Daily News says Mr. Baldwin's rise is due not only to his sound abilities and attractive temperament, but also to a miraculous series of chances.

The Westminster Gazette says that Mr. Baldwin's appointment to the Premiership is a revelation of the deficiencies of his Party rather than evidence of any impression he has yet made on the popular mind.

The Daily Chronicle hails the appointment as a triumph for the "Diehard" extremists.

The Daily Herald says Mr. Baldwin has gained a reputation for soundness of judgment, kindness, honesty and a real desire to secure better conditions at home and peaceful relations abroad.

The Morning Post is of the opinion that Mr. Baldwin is the best man for the job as he is a statesman whom the nation has learned to trust.

AMERICAN PRESS FAVOUR
APPOINTMENT.

New York, May 22nd.

The newspapers consider that Mr. Baldwin's appointment is a happy one, and dwell on his fine record and substantial accomplishments, notably, the Debt Funding Agreement and the Budget. They are of the opinion that he is eminently fitted to deal with finance and economics, which are Great Britain's gravest problems at present.

MR. BALDWIN'S APPOINTMENT
WELL RECEIVED IN FRANCE.

Paris, May 22nd.

Mr. Baldwin's appointment has been favourably received, and his expert qualities are especially highly spoken of. It is generally presumed that he will continue Mr. Bonar Law's policy.

EARLIER CABLES.

MR. BALDWIN APPOINTED.

LONDON, May 22nd.

It is officially announced that Mr. Baldwin is the new Premier.

LONDON, LATER.

Mr. Baldwin, arriving at Downing Street from Buckingham Palace, told pressmen "I want your prayers more than your congratulations."

M.M. the King discussed the political situation with his secretary, Lord Stamfordham, at Buckingham Palace in the forenoon, but did not receive political visitors until after luncheon, when Mr. Baldwin was called to the Palace. The difficulties in Marquis Curzon's path to the Premiership are indicated by independent statements issued to-day, authoritatively expressing the views of Labour headquarters and what is vaguely described as a large and growing section of the Conservative party, opposing the appointment of a peer to the Premiership. The chief argument of both is that the official opposition, namely Labour, is of the Commons; not Lords. A Labourite statement declares that if a peer were appointed, the Labour party would use every political device to precipitate a dissolution of Parliament.

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LATEST CABLES.

BIG CALIFORNIAN FIRE.
ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY
CHINESE MISSING.

LOS ANGELES, May 22nd.

Advices from Mexicali (Lower California) state that 150 Chinese were missing after a disastrous fire. The damage is estimated at \$5,000,000.

LONDON TO NEW YORK CABLE
DIRECT LINE WITH INCREASED
CAPACITY.

LONDON, May 22nd.

The contracts have been re-completed for laying a direct London to New York cable, with a capacity double that of any existing cable. It is estimated that a speed of 600 letters a minute will be attainable.

A SOVIET FUNERAL.
BITTER ATTACKS ON NON-COM-
MUNIST CIVILISATION.

Riga, May 22nd.

All the Commissars were present at the interment of M. Vorovsky. M. Chicherin and other Commissars carried the coffin. The burial was the occasion for bitter attacks on non-Communist civilisation. The flag of the British mission was flown at half-mast.

EAST INDIES NAVAL
COMMAND.

LONDON, May 22nd.

Rear-Admiral Herbert W. Richmond has been appointed to the Chief Command of the East Indies Squadron in succession to Sir Clinton Baker.

U.S. RE-DISCOUNT RATES.

WASHINGTON, May 22nd.

The Federal Reserve announces that it is at present maintaining re-discount rates at a uniform 1 per cent. owing to the satisfactory business conditions throughout the country.

NEW PREMIER'S METEORIC
POLITICAL CAREER.

LONDON, May 22nd.

Mr. Baldwin's summons to Buckingham Palace followed a forty minutes' visit by Lord Stamfordham to Marquis Curzon. Mr. Baldwin remained an hour at the Palace. The King wore Service uniform when he arrived from Aldershot, where he had been busy inspecting the troops. He returns thither this evening. Before His Majesty saw Lord Stamfordham the latter spent many hours conferring with the Conservative leaders. There was a meeting of the latter at Downing Street in the morning, at which unanimity was reached regarding the choice of a Premier, and after the appointment had been made Colonel Jackson and Sir Reginald Hall, chairman and deputy chairman, respectively, of the Unionist Central Office, told interviewers that they were delighted at Mr. Baldwin's selection, adding that the sole reason the leaders preferred him to Marquis Curzon was that His Majesty's opposition was in the House of Commons.

Mr. Baldwin has had a meteoric political career. Though a Commoner since 1905, his name had been practically unknown to the public until five years ago, when he became Financial Secretary to the Treasury. He has been associated with the "Diehard" tariff reform section of the Conservatives. His speech at the famous Carlton Club meeting was primarily responsible for the downfall of the Coalition. He has always been regarded as a protagonist within the Cabinet of a purely Conservative Government, and the prospects of the return of the Chamberlainites to the Conservative fold are now regarded as no more likely than would have been the case had Lord Derby been given the Premiership.

Nevertheless, it is freely stated that Sir Robert Horne is likely to accept the Chairmanship of the Exchequer, though this will involve resigning many important business appointments, which he lately accepted. It is understood that Marquis Curzon is willing to remain in the Foreign Office. When Mr. Baldwin was appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer the city chorused approval of the selection of a prominent business man, and his Budget statement, which was accurate and practical without superficial brilliancy, strengthened his reputation. Mr. Baldwin is very popular in the House of Commons, where he does not waste words. He possesses a dry humour, and has proved most capable of dealing with hecklers. He was a tremendous help to Mr. Bonar Law in handling the cross currents of a restive House when temporary leader of the Commons.

MR. BONAR LAW'S
CONSTITUENCY.

LONDON, May 22nd.

Mr. Bonar Law, writing to the Glasgow Unionist Association, says he presumes there is no objection to his continuing as a member for Central Glasgow, at least in the present Parliament, though it is very unlikely that he will be able to attend this session.

LATEST CABLES.

THE RUHR OCCUPATION.
VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN FRENCH
GOVERNMENT.

PARIS, May 22nd.

The Chamber of Deputies passed a vote of confidence in the Government, by 401 votes to 151, at the conclusion of the first day's debate on the Ruhr occupation. The debate will be resumed on May 24th.

EARLIER CABLES.

FRENCH SEIZE GERMAN
DYESTUFFS.

PARIS, May 22nd.

A train containing thousands of tons of dyestuffs seized at the Badische aniline factory at Ludwigshafen, was sent to France on Sunday. A further trainload will shortly be despatched to Belgium.

BIG SILVER PURCHASE.
UNDER THE PITTMAN ACT.

LONDON, May 22nd.

The telegram of May 19th as to silver refers to silver purchased from the United States mint in 1918, valued at 190 million dollars, under the law introduced by Senator Pittman. Repayment was to be effected by four annual payments, of which this is the third. Messrs. Montagu's report states that about 12 million ounces are still to be purchased under the Act in order to replace silver dollars melted down and sold to Britain on behalf of India in wartime. About 20 million of the total amount required has not yet been delivered.

MEXICAN MURDERS.

THIRTY-TWO BODIES RECOVERED.

MEXICO CITY, May 22nd.

Thirty-two bodies have been recovered from the river Rio Grande, near Laredo, believed to be those of Italians and others murdered and robbed on May 5th while attempting to enter the United States clandestinely. The only survivor declared the murderers were Mexicans hired to assist the party across the border.

A BALKANS EXPLOSION.

CAUSES CONSTERNATION IN
ATHENS.

ATHENS, May 22nd.

There is consternation at a report that the Turks have blown up a bridge across the Maritza, connecting Adrianople and Karamatch.

ATHENS, LATER.

It is officially learned that the bridge over the Maritza was blown up in a thunderstorm. It was apparently struck by lightning. It had been mined by the Turks in readiness for emergencies.

REPARATIONS PAYMENTS.

CONFLICTING GERMAN AND
FRENCH CALCULATIONS.

PARIS, May 22nd.

A huge discrepancy in the French and German calculations as regards the latter's payments was shown by M. Dubois, ex-president of the Reparations Commission, in the Chamber. He said Germany claimed to have paid forty-five milliards of gold marks since the Armistice, whereas the French figures were 3,374 millions in specie and in kind, up to December 31st, of which two and half milliards was on account of reparations and the remainder for the costs of the armies of occupation.

RUSSO-SWISS RELATIONS.

FEDERAL COUNCIL'S STIFF REPLY
TO SWITZER.

BERNE, May 22nd.

A stiff tone characterises the Federal Council's reply to the Soviet as regards the murder of Vorovsky, for which Switzerland disclaims all responsibility, and asserts that she acted correctly in all respects, but ignored Athens on account of his insolence.

HISPANO-AMERICAN
COMMERCE.

WASHINGTON, May 22nd.

The draft of a new Hispano-American treaty for amity of commerce has been forwarded to the American Ambassador at Madrid, where it will be negotiated.

SLUMP IN MARKS.

LONDON, May 22nd.

The German mark exchange has registered a fresh record, slumping to 258,000 to 262,000 to the sovereign.

COUNTY CRICKET.

LONDON, May 22nd.

Middlesex beat Sussex by three wickets. Hearn for Middlesex in the first innings, scored 140 and in the second 57 not out. He also took twelve wickets for 128 runs. Derby beat Warwick by four wickets. Yorkshire defeated Lancashire on the first innings.

Notts beat Surrey by an innings and 107. In Surrey's first innings, which produced 157, Barratt took 6 for 28, and in their second, which produced 111, Richmond took 7 for 45.

Somerset beat Gloucester by 343 runs. Gloucester in the first innings scored 106. Bridges taking 6 wickets for 44, and in the second 87, White taking 6 for 27. For Somerset, A. S. Rippon scored 110. Leicester defeated Northants by 101 runs.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE LINCHENG OUTRAGE.
FORCE TO BE USED AGAINST
BANDITS.

PEKING, May 22nd.

The Government has agreed to employ force against the bandits, realising that although the Government has agreed to the bandits' terms the brigands continue to make fresh demands, knowing the anxiety that the Government and diplomats have in regard to the release of the foreigners.

The Tufei (bandits) are now demanding the appointment of Chang Chung Yui, the deposed Anti Party Tschun of Hunan, as Tschun of Shantung.

M. BERUBE'S RETURN DENIED. The report that M. Berube is returning to the bandit camp has been denied. The French Legation has not received any intimation from the bandits requesting M. Berube's return, and M. Berube has not pledged his word to return. Telegrams, however, were received yesterday from the captives asking M. Berube to return, being under the impression that M. Berube was on parole.

TAOCHUANG, May 23rd.

Tuesday passed off without incident. All the troops are at least six miles from the bandit stronghold, but the bandit outposts are following up the troops as the latter retire.

ACTIVE MEASURES AGAINST BANDITS
FORESHADOWED.

PEKING, May 23rd.

It is understood that the President intends issuing a mandate authorising General Tien Chung Yu to pacify the bandits, authorising him to use drastic methods if peaceful methods fail.

The President summoned Feng Yu Hsiang yesterday afternoon, when it is understood drastic action against the bandits was discussed. It is possibly significant that Feng Yu Hsiang called on the various Legations this morning.

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LINCHENG CAPTIVES.

PEKING, May 22nd.

Tien Chung Yu interviewed the Premier and President Li Yuan Hung, and attended a meeting of the Cabinet this afternoon, where a lengthy discussion of the bandit situation followed.

Tien Chung Yu proceeds to Shantung to-morrow.

TIEN CHUNG YU'S PROPOSAL.

LATER.

Tien Chung Yu attended a meeting of the Cabinet to-day.

It is understood that he proposed offering reasonable terms to the bandits accompanied by a warning that if these are not accepted force would be used. The Cabinet neither accepted nor refused, apparently fearing responsibility for any possible danger to foreign lives. Mr. Roy Anderson left for Taochuang this afternoon, taking five tents for the use of the captives. It is understood that Mr. Roy Anderson is obtaining 1,000 lbs. of rice three weeks for the bandits, and he is hoping that foreign food will reach the foreigners if the bandits are sufficiently supplied.

BANDITS THREATEN RAILWAY.

PEKING, May 22nd.

It is reported that the schedule of trains has been altered owing to bandit threats to attack the line unless their demands are met.

The train from Peking at 4.40 in the afternoon will thus pass Lincheng at daylight the following day.

THE OLD GRIEVANCE.

ANOTHER MINISTERIAL STAFF ON
STRIKE.

PEKING, May 23rd.

The staff of the Ministry of the Interior has decided to strike owing to lack of pay.

AUSTRALIAN FOODSTUFFS FOR
CHINA AND JAPAN.

MELBOURNE, May 23rd.

The Age reports that an influential group of Victorian producers and exporters has decided to despatch a special representative to Hongkong, with the object of exploring avenues of trade in China and Japan, particularly in regard to foodstuffs.

FRANCE AND JAPAN.

FRENCH DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES
IN TOKYO.

LONDON, May 22nd.

The Daily Telegraph draws attention to the reports regarding marked French diplomatic activities in Tokyo and more generally in Japanese circles, and wonders whether they are connected with the Chinese crisis or the problems arising from the Washington Treaties.

THE OSAKA OLYMPIAD.

OSAKA, May 22nd.

The final of the Polo Vault was won by Kukazawa (Japan) who did 11 feet 2 inches. Mala and Ala (both of the Philippines) tied for second place. Nishimura, Hara and Miricka (Japan), Tiao Pei Chin (China) and Carlos (Philippines) tied for fourth place.

The injuries of the Filipino footballers are not serious. The second day's programme ended without a hitch.

400 Yards Swim, free style: First heat: Onoda and Isobe. Time: 5mins. 37.45secs. Second heat: Matsusawa and Ishige. Time: 5mins. 58secs. Third heat: Takashi and Mikura. Time: 5mins. 41.25secs. (All Japanese).

50 Yards, free style: First heat: Suzuki (Japan) and Tanjuto (Philippines). Time: 20.15secs. Second heat: Iriya (Japan) and Warner (Philippines). Time: 26secs. Third heat: Onoda (Japan) and Enga (Philippines). Time: 25.25secs. All these times break the Far Eastern record, 20.25secs.

100 Yards Back-stroke: First heat: Doda and Muzuka. Time: 73.45secs. Second heat: Saito and Ishida. Time: 71.35secs. Third heat: Ogi and Okamoto. Time: 70.25secs. (All Japanese). They all broke the Far Eastern record, 70.45 secs.

100 Yards freestyle. final: Onoda, Iriya and Suzuki (Japan) Enga (Philippines). Time: 53.25secs, breaking the Far Eastern record, 61secs.

In the preliminary Association Football match the Philippines beat Japan by 2 to 1.

Half Mile Relay. final: Japan 1st, Philippine 2nd, China 3rd. Time: 93.15 secs.

Preliminary Basketball: Philippines defeated China by 41 to 14.

Preliminary Volley ball: China beat China by 42 to 11.

Five Mile Running Race. final: Yoshioka, Shimizu, Nawata, Hasegawa, and Mori. (All Japan). Time: 27mins. 7secs.

The Pentathlon: Ueda 1st and Masuda 2nd (both Japan), Danno 3rd and Ito 4th. (both Philippines).

This ends the third day's programme.

INSURANCE RATES IN CHINA
SEAS.

LONDON, May 22nd.

According to the Daily Telegraph the recent incidents on the steamer Tai Shan have aroused considerable questioning in shipping insurance circles as to whether additional insurance rates might be required in view of the spasmodic piracy in China seas.

The Daily Telegraph learns that additional premiums are at present unlikely, but further incidents will result in immediate action along those lines.

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MAJOR-GENERAL SIR J. FOWLER.

ARRIVAL AT PEKING.

PEKING, May 22nd.

Major-General Sir John Fowler arrived here last evening.

PRESIDENTIAL TERM.

LI YUAN HUNG URGES APPOINTMENT
OF SUCCESSOR.

PEKING, May 22nd.

President Li Yuan Hung has issued for despatch to both Houses of Parliament a circular telegram to the provinces drawing attention to the fact that his term of office expires shortly, and urging that the election of his successor be carried out in order that he may hand over and retire into private life.

CUSTOMS LOAN TO GOVERNMENT.

FOR PAYMENT OF M.P.'s.

PEKING, May 22nd.

It is understood that Mr. Bowra, yesterday, agreed to advance the money earmarked for the building of the new Customs House at Shanghai as a loan to the Government for the payment of members of Parliament, who otherwise intend to proceed to Canton.

This sum only tides over the matter till next month.

LAW COURT STAFF'S STRIKE
THREATS.

PEKING, May 22nd.

The Law Court staff threaten to walk out on Wednesday, unless the arrears in their wages are paid.

AERONAUTICS.

PEKING-TIENTSIN SERVICE.

PEKING, May 22nd.

The Peking-Tientsin aeronautic service begins on Wednesday. The service is daily, except Saturday and Sunday.

"KUMSANG" FLOATED.

MAYTIA, May 22nd.

The Kumsang, which went ashore on May 10th, was floated last night, and is being towed to Olongapo for repairs. The damage to the vessel has not yet been determined.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[REPORT THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR WILLIAM
REES DAVIES).]JAPANESE CHARGED WITH
OFFERING A BRIBE.

A Japanese named Shuchi Fukushima was indicted for attempting to bribe a revenue officer by offering him the sum of \$30.

Mr. H. K. Holmes (Crown Solicitor) prosecuted, and prisoner was defended by Mr. Campbell Prosser.

Mr. Holmes stated that defendant was stopped in Bosham Strand by two revenue officers. He was in a rickshaw, and, going on ahead was another rickshaw containing the prisoner's "boy." The latter was carrying a parcel, and was also stopped. The parcel was found to contain 84,000 official doses of opium. As this man was stopped the prisoner was seen to urge his rickshaw puller to turn round. He was stopped by the other revenue officer and questioned. Both men were taken to the revenue office on the Praya, and on the way the Japanese pressed a crumpled piece of paper into the hands of his captor, and said something the man could not understand. The paper was a banknote for the sum of \$50, and the case for the Crown was that this was offered to the officer as a bribe. When charged with the offence the prisoner made a statement to the effect that on the way to the station the Chinese revenue officer asked him if he had any money. He replied in the affirmative, and the man thereupon took the note from him, asking the while whether he had any more. He had not.

Counsel then proceeded to call witnesses bearing out his story.

In the course of their evidence, the two revenue officers admitted that they were in plain clothes at the time they made the arrest, and though they had badges of office, they did not show them to the prisoner.

Mr. Campbell Prosser seized upon this point for the defence, pointing out that the law laid down that it was illegal to offer a bribe to a "public servant." These men gave the prisoner no proof that they were public servants, and it was reasonable for him to suppose that they might be robbers masquerading as revenue officers. Furthermore, there was very little to show that he actually made the offer of money.

Prisoner went into the witness-box and stated that when the officers stopped him he thought he was being held up by robbers. This supposition was supported by the officer concerned asking him if he had any money. Then it was that he gave the man the \$50 note.

Mr. Campbell Prosser addressed the Jury, again bringing out the point that no proof had been given to the prisoner that his captors were public servants.

After a short retirement the Jury brought in a verdict of "guilty."

In view of the fact that Fukushima was already undergoing a six months' sentence for being in unlawful possession of opium, his Lordship inflicted the lenient sentence of three months' imprisonment.

The Jury were Messrs. R. J. W. Parsons (foreman), W. J. Carroll, J. P. Guiterrez, C. A. de C. Rodrigues, B. M. da Cunha, D. Mackintosh, and G. T. Padgett.

WOMAN'S FATAL FALL.

ATTEMPT TO EVADE POLICE LEADS
TO A WOMAN'S DEATH.

An enquiry into the death of a woman was held at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon before a Jury consisting of Messrs. W. A. Gray, W. A. Butterfield and W. P. Chang and presided over by Mr. J. B. Wood.

The Coroner, in opening the enquiry, said the woman had apparently fallen from a window, but as it was a case in which the police were involved it was thought advisable to enquire into the circumstances of the death.

From the evidence it appeared that a small girl had been brought down from the country and the deceased woman had been the means of telling her to another woman. The little girl stayed with her now mistress for some days and afterwards ran away. She was later discovered worshipping at a "joss" temple at Yau-mat, and the matter came to the notice of the Police, at Bay View Station.

Two detectives were sent late one night to visit a house in First Street to make investigations. The deceased woman was lying there and whilst the detectives were in the house the woman apparently slipped into the kitchen and, in trying to make her escape from the police through the kitchen window, fell on to some stone steps below. She was found in an unconscious state some minutes later. She died in hospital shortly afterwards from a fractured skull.

The Jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

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U.S. MARATHON DANCERS.
CLIMAX OF THE CRAZE.[FROM "THE DAILY TELEGRAPH'S"
CORRESPONDENT.]

New York, April 17th.
In an effort to break the Texas record of 53 hours 33 min., Marathon dancers are now whirling in all parts of the United States, and the craze to-day reached a climax, with the attention of alienists and students of mob-psychology. To judge by the space devoted to dancing, the American Press to-day is far less concerned with the woes of the world and the speeches of statesmen than the Terpischorean efforts of the ten couples who began one-stepping in New York at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, and of whom only three survived at an early hour this morning. Public interest is focused upon Miss Vera Sheppard and Mr. Ben Solar, who declare their intention to dance to-day until nightfall or die in the attempt. Dancing to the point of sheer physical exhaustion is opposed by the police authorities, the prohibition by the latter seems to have increased the zeal of non-stop couples and promoted popular hysteria. Ten couples, including the redoubtable Miss Sheppard and Mr. Solar, were literally chased from New York to New Jersey on Saturday night, and three couples who survived found themselves still dancing and going north to Connecticut in a motor-van in the early hours of this morning cheered by a big crowd, and vivacious accounts are printed in the early editions of the newspapers. The really big feat was that of three couples, shortly before 1 a.m. to-day, reaching a motor-conveyance without missing a step. Then the ta board was lowered, and with spring dance leaps three couples made their way aboard, new phonographs were set in action, and a group of relief partners and reporters scampered aboard. At 1.30 this morning the Marathon was going on merrily at a club somewhere in Connecticut, twenty-two miles beyond the New York State line.

Connecticut despatches to-day report that the Marathon dancers on arrival at Eastport, Chester, were massaged. The attendant who feeds the dancers collapsed under the strain and slept in the motor truck. Two contestants also slept, and their claims to resume the contest were disputed. By breakfast time to-day it was expected that the Connecticut police would take up the chase, and to foil their efforts, Mr. John MacCartney, the New York dance impresario, secured legals. Mr. MacCartney says that the contestants shifted from State to State to avoid a vulgar row, which might react unfavourably on the art which he promotes. A motor truck bumping and rattling over cobble pavements, insufficient lighting, worn-out gramophone records, and the occasional hopeless mix-up of dancers, reporters, and attendants were outstanding features of the historic ride. In the wake of the van came a snappy ruckus with the New Jersey police superintendent, whose vigilance was not relaxed until the State boundary was reached. According to the penal code in New Jersey, the limit of endurance tests is twelve hours.

Late this afternoon a telegram was received in New York saying that Miss Sheppard had broken the world's record and hoped to last seventy-five hours. She was described as firing out all her partners, and was last reported to be dancing in the arms of a professional masseur, who constantly rubbed her spine and manipulated her muscles to keep her awake.

MILLIONAIRE'S DAUGHTER.
MARRIAGE TO RIDING MASTER.

Miss Mathilde McCormick, the 18-year-old daughter of Harold Fowler McCormick, the American millionaire, was married to Mr. Max Oser, a Swiss riding master, at the Lewisham Register Office on April 22nd. The necessary consent to the marriage from her parents was produced by Miss McCormick.

The bride and bridegroom arrived at the register office in high-street, Lewisham, at 10.30 a.m. They were accompanied by an officer lady and gentleman. There was nothing to distinguish them from any other wedding couple, and Mr. Frank Bechtan, the registrar, before whom they were married, had no idea as to the identity of the parties before him. The bridegroom, a small dapper man, of military appearance, wore a light suit and overcoat and grey felt hat. The bride wore a travelling costume.

Both produced their passports. Mr. Oser showed him to be a Swiss subject, while Miss McCormick described her as an American citizen. In the register the bridegroom's full name was given as Guillaume Max Oser, aged 45, bachelor, major in the Swiss Army. His father's name was given as John Jakob Rudolf Oser, riding master, deceased. Miss Mathilde McCormick's age was given as 18, and she was described as a spinster, of independent means, of 3, Old Court-mansions, Kensington. Her father, Harold Fowler McCormick, was described as an agricultural machinery manufacturer. Mr. Oser's residence at the time of the marriage was 127, Ardgowan-road, Hither-green, a private house, where he stayed in order to get the necessary fifteen days residence qualification for marriage at Lewisham. The witnesses to the ceremony were E. L. Martin and F. W. Cowham.

MARRIAGE SUPERSTITIONS.

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Two American officers have established a world's record by a continuous aeroplane flight of 36hr. 5min. 20sec. at Dayton, Ohio. They covered 2,541 miles.

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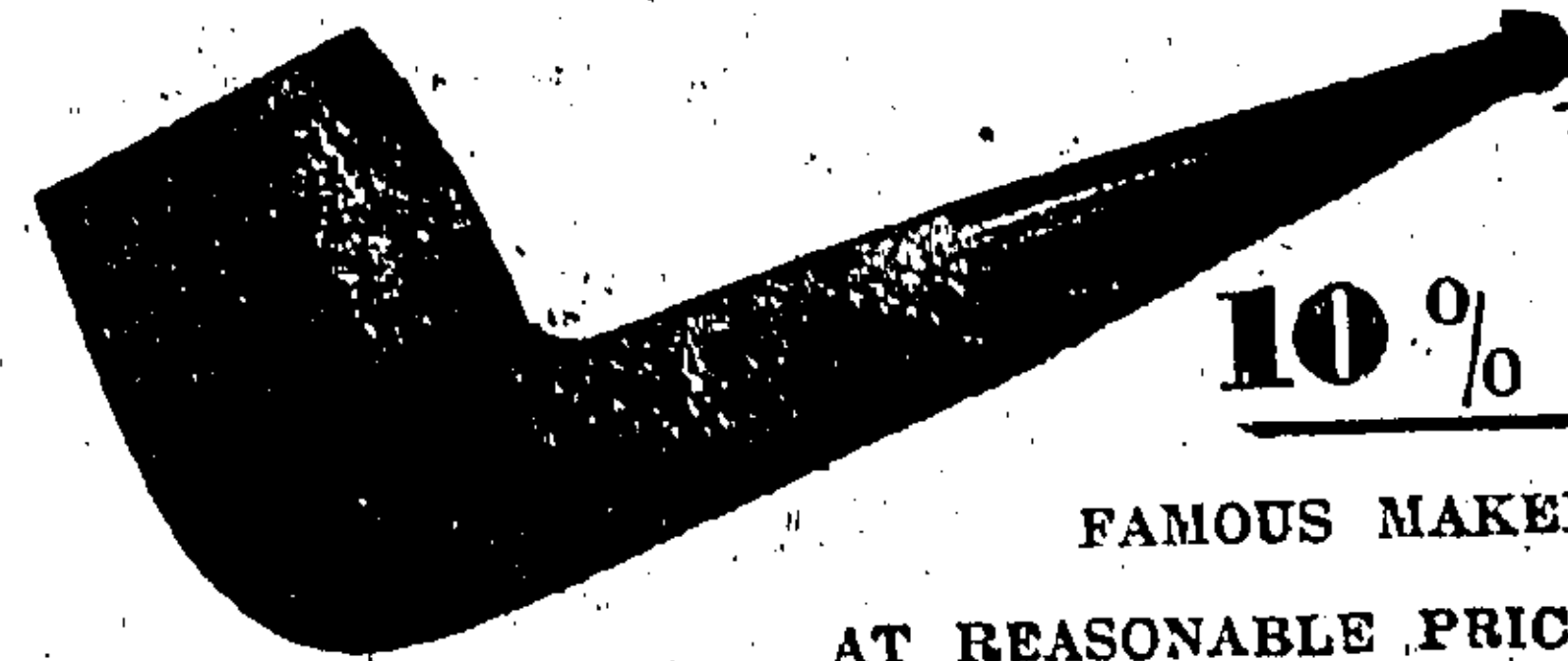
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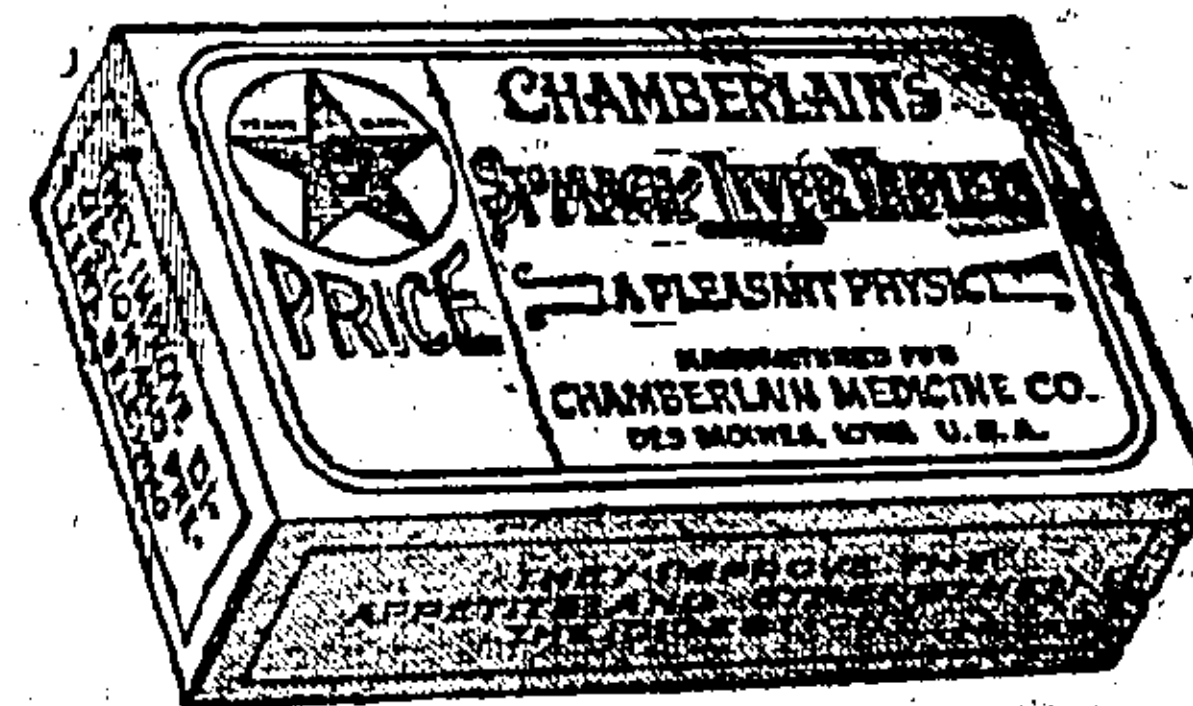
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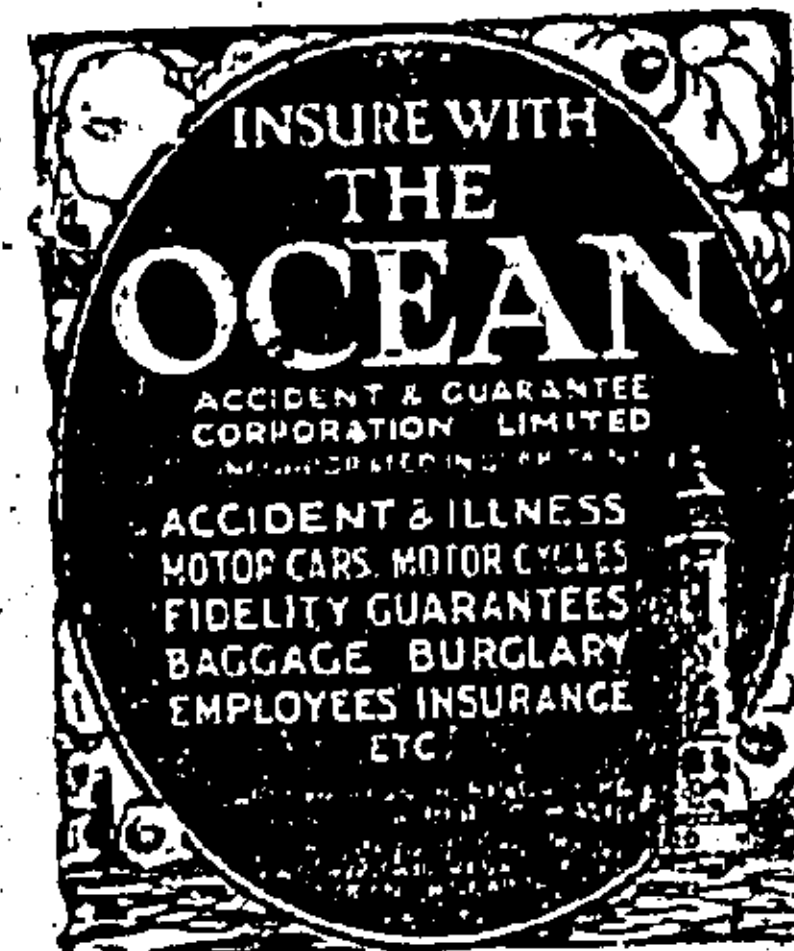
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NIGHT FLYING. LIGHTHOUSES ON LONDON-PARIS AIRWAY.

A special correspondent of a Sydney paper, writing from London, says:—

We are very full of admiration for the party of young men from the Air Ministry who are flitting with death on the London-Paris airway in an effort to persuade us that the air has been mastered on dark winter nights.

Night-flying has been secretly and wonderfully developed since the war. It is accepted that a commercial air service can be of no practical utility unless a machine can complete a portion, or all, of its journey in darkness, and I am in a position to know that the many problems and dangers which surround an aeroplane in the night skies have been tackled with relentless energy by the Air Ministry in the belief that in the next war the bulk of military flying will be done at night, and by the Department of Civil Aviation for its very existence.

The civil air chiefs have, therefore, just spent over £100,000 in erecting some new and wonderfully bright lights between Croydon, the London terminal aerodrome, and Lympne (pronounced "Limp"), an emergency landing-ground and signalling station on the Kent coast near Folkestone.

Ordinarily the London-Paris airway is as full of hazards as the Grand National Steeplechase. There is the possibility of crashing into the down-capped ridges of the Surrey hills; an engine failure while flying over the Channel or above the interminable forests between the French coast and Paris; or suddenly finding the landscape blotted out by one of those extraordinary fogs which appear contrary to all meteorological forecasts. Let any one of these things happen at night, as they do happen in daylight, and the pilot is robbed of his one fighting chance—the chance of being able to see the spot he is going to hit before he hits it.

THE FIRST TEST.

The first test in night-flying was made by fitting dangerous magnesium darts to the wing-tips, which the pilot could ignite electrically at the moment of landing. They were as prone to light after a crash as the ground, particularly after a crash. The fitting of electric searchlights has since been shown to be of no advantage. So, with the exception of the wing-tip darts, aided perhaps by lights fired overboard by a pistol, the airman has to rely entirely on illumination provided from the ground.

Probably the new electrical cone-shaped beacons, which alternately throw a beam of 100,000 candle-power vertically and then downwards on the white sloping sides of the cone—giving a distinctive light easily recognisable from the deceptive factory argand lights which have lured so many stout fellows—mobile to their doom—will figure most prominently in future aerial navigation.

These cone-lights have been erected at Croydon and Lympne, and on a reasonably clear night can be seen from the air for a range of about 40 miles. At the highest point in the Surrey Hills an acetylene gas lighthouse, with a range of about 20 miles, has been built. The amazing feature of this lamp is that the action of sunlight—not sunbeams—shuts off the gas supply to the burners, so that it is automatically extinguished at dawn and lights again at dusk. As the gas is stored in cylinders under pressure it can be left unattended for months. The mechanism of the lamp is sufficiently well-trained to replace its own mantles when they are broken.

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DIRECTIONAL WIRELESS.

Recent developments have given the pilot a fairly reliable engine, a compass which is not likely to succumb to the disturbing influences of the electrical gear on board the aeroplane (but which is of little use when flying in a strong cross wind above the clouds or in fog) and an efficient wireless telephony set. This is also used for direction finding, two ground stations working in collaboration being able to take a trigonometrical bearing of the machine after reception of a wireless signal, and after a few moments' calculation inform the pilot by wireless telephony of his exact position—certainly to within half a mile. A hundred experiments have been made with lights, bombs, flares, rockets and parachute are lights in hope that something will be found to penetrate fog, but so far nothing of any practical use has been discovered. If the airman gets off his course in fog his only possible hope of reaching safety is by directional wireless—and it is a very slender hope. For all that, there is a good chance of an all-night service being established in the summer, which will be particularly useful for the despatch of newspapers and mails; but whether that stage of development has been reached when it is considered reasonably safe for passengers to be embarked on so thrilling an undertaking is another matter.

According to newspaper representatives who have just left Russia, the Bolsheviks are exercising a most drastic censorship on all Press messages leaving the country. Bolshevik anxiety and suspicion are regarded as the best proof that their position at the present moment is most uncomfortable, and that they anticipate serious dangers to their rule in the near future.

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SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"ESANG"	Sunday, 27th May, Noon.
BANGKOK via SWATOW	"CHAKSANG"	Tuesday, 29th May, Noon.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"TAISANG"	Wednesday, 30th May, Noon.
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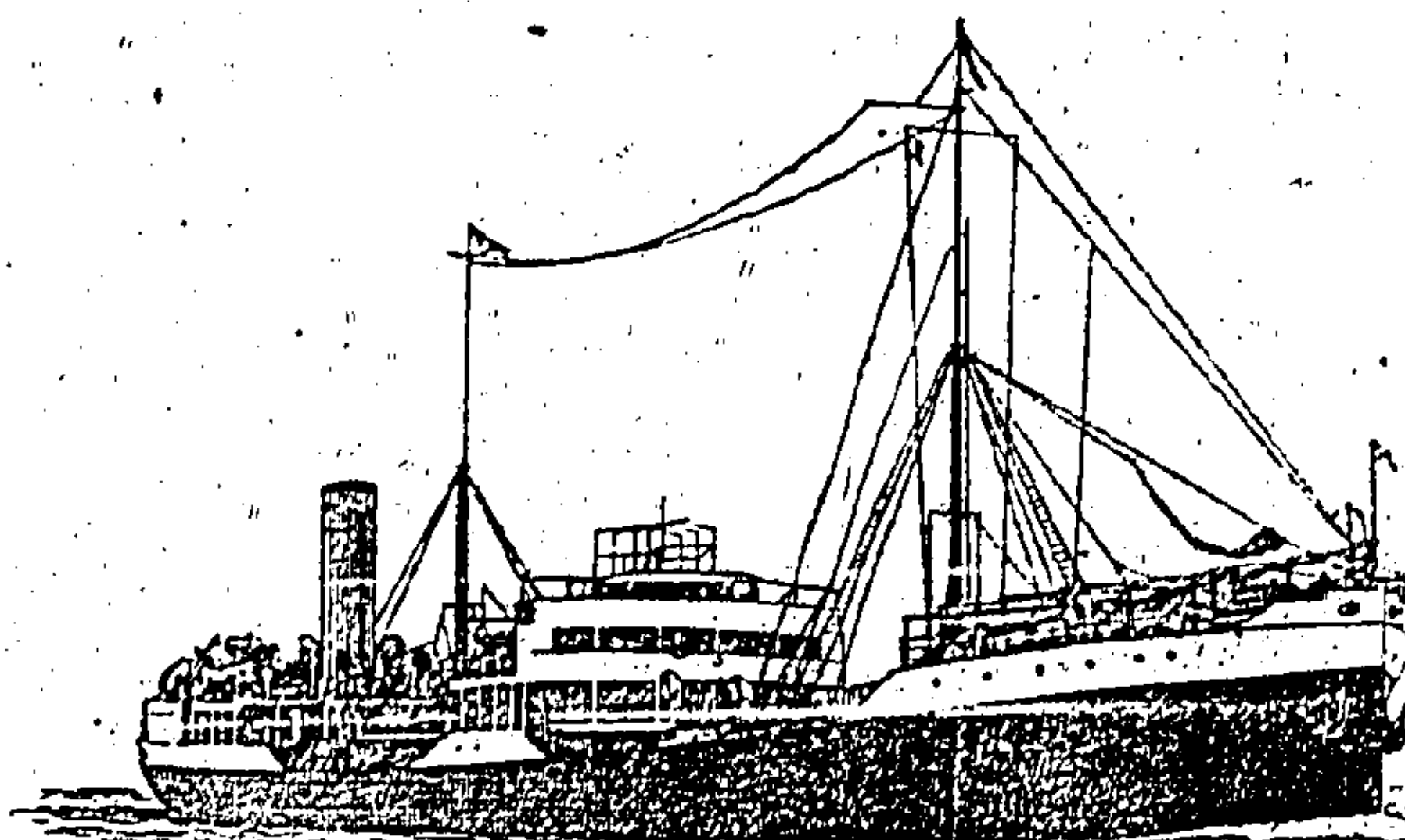
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